

Sun. Oct. 26, 1980

Dear Vicki and Jimmy,

I am watching the New York Marathon and before it started, the Marathon in Athens was shown which took place several years ago so I saw a little of the area around there. Bill Rogers just fell at the 14 mile mark but got right up and reknit his leg and is back in the running, but there is quite a pack ahead of him now. Beardley, Wallis, Salazar, ^{Gomez} ~~Alberts~~ and Graham are in the lead pack and Graham is starting to surge. Leaders now are ~~Salazar~~ Salazar and Gomez at the 20 mile mark. Excellent weather in the 50's with a wind at the back but now they will be running into the wind going over the Hudson River to the South Bronx. My pens don't write good on this paper so I will try this third one again. Rogers is in 5th place now at the 20 mile mark. Alberts Salazar from Salem, Oregon is in the lead right now. K661 and his first Marathon. They are running down 5th Av. now on the way to Central Park where the finish line is. Here he comes, then the pack and he wins. Gomez - 2nd. Salazar looks ready to collapse as the silver shirt is being put around him. Rogers came in 5th. Salazar's time was 2 hrs. 9 min and 48 seconds. Jimmy, you really did very, very good. I don't see how it is possible. 16,000 in the race. Every one who finishes is a winner and I certainly can understand that.

Greta Waitz is the woman winner.
approx 2:25+. She beat the record.
This was fun to watch and I am
going down to the P.O. now and mail
this.

Love,
Mom
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